## Ginseng Board of Wisconsin Election Period to Begin May 10

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MADISON, Wis.– The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified three nominees that are eligible to be elected to the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin. Candidates were nominated during the period that ended March 29, 2024. Wisconsin ginseng growers have from May 10, 2024 to June 15, 2024 to vote on the following candidates:

- Joe Heil, Edgar
- Marcus Martin, Marathon
- David Schumacher, Marathon

DATCP will mail ballots to eligible ginseng growers during the week of May 10, 2024. Growers who have not received a ballot by May 20, 2024 can request one by contacting DATCP Market Orders staff at <u>DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov</u>. Eligible growers can vote for the nominated growers or write in the names of other eligible producers. Completed ballots must be emailed or mailed to DATCP, Market Orders Program, PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708 and postmarked on or before June 15, 2024.

Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024.

## About the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin

The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin is composed of seven at-large producers who are responsible for administering Wisconsin's Ginseng Marketing Order. The board oversees the collection and use of approximately \$240,000 in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin ginseng growers. The funding is used to support the industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsin-grown ginseng.

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about market order boards, visit <u>https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About\_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx</u>.

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